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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WARNING A FOLLOWING  
VEHICLE DURING BRAKING

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference:

- 1) DE 40 14 916

Reference 1, DE 40 14 916, has been cited by the European patent office in the counterpart foreign application not more than three months before the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. The European search report was completed on August 14, 2002. A copy of the European search report is submitted herewith. The reference discloses a signaling system that provides complementary dynamic braking signals using auxiliary brake lights in addition to the normal rear brake lights. The braking signaling system is controlled via a microprocessor (5), evaluating signals supplied from acceleration, ambient light and temp sensors (1,2,3) via an A/D converter (4), its control outputs coupled

to a power amplifier (10) and driver amplifiers (8,9) for operating the signal lights (6).  
ADVANTAGE – Allows intensity of braking to be indicated.

A copy of the listed document(s) is submitted herewith along with the form PTO-1449.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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